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In re Application of :
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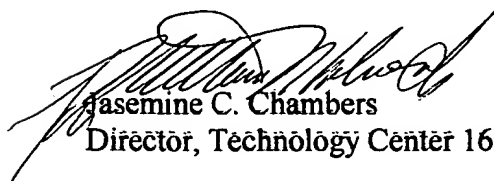
This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed May 23, 2005, for withdrawal of abandonment of the above identified application based on timely reply

A review of the file history shows that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences mailed a Decision on Appeal to applicants on December 22, 2003, which triggered a two month period within which applicants could take further action. Applicants filed a request for reconsideration of the decision on January 22, 2004. The Request for Rehearing was denied by decision mailed March 1, 2004, which restarted the period within which applicants could take further action. On April 2, 2004, the examiner mailed a Notice of Abandonment to applicants based on no further action having been taken. The Notice was mailed prematurely and applicants subsequently timely filed RCE papers on April 27, 2004. In view of the evidence presented the Notice of Abandonment is withdrawn and the application is restored to pending status with the mailing of this decision.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will be forwarded for entry of the RCE papers and then to the examiner for further consideration.

Should there be any questions about this decision please contact William R. Dixon, Jr., by letter addressed to Director, TC 1600, at the address listed above, or by telephone at 703-308-3824 or by facsimile sent to the general Office facsimile number 571-273-8300.


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